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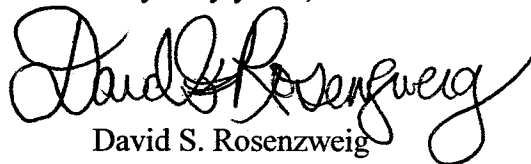
Re: Boston Edison Company, D.T.E. 02-80A

Dear Secretary Cottrell:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced matter is the Joint Motion to Defer Evidentiary Hearings of Boston Edison Company d/b/a NSTAR Electric and the Attorney General of the Commonwealth.

I have also enclosed a certificate of service. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,



David S. Rosenzweig

Enclosures

cc: William Stevens, Hearing Officer
Judith Laster, Assistant Attorney General
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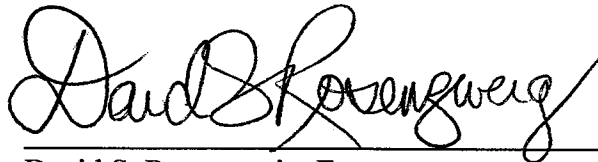
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have served the foregoing document upon the Department of Telecommunications and Energy, and counsel for all parties, by hand or first class mail, in accordance with the requirements of 220 C.M.R. 1.05 (the Department's rules of Practice and Procedure).



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JOINT MOTION TO DEFER EVIDENTIARY HEARINGS

Pursuant to 220 C.M.R. § 1.04(5)(c), Boston Edison Company d/b/a NSTAR Electric (the "Company") and the Attorney General of the Commonwealth (the "Attorney General") (together, the "Parties") request that the Department of Telecommunications and Energy (the "Department") defer evidentiary hearings in the above-captioned proceeding, now scheduled for June 19, 2003, for the purpose of allowing sufficient time and attention to be committed to settlement negotiations between the Parties.

The Parties currently are actively involved in settlement discussions in an effort to resolve issues in this case, but are not able to file a settlement agreement by June 13, 2003. The Parties have engaged in several meetings and exchanges of information over the past two months and have made considerable progress toward resolving all issues. Good cause exists to grant this motion because the expenditure of resources by all involved (including the Department) will be reduced if the Parties are able to conclude a settlement of issues rather than proceeding to hearings. There are no other parties to the proceeding who will be affected by the requested deferral.

Accordingly, the parties request that the Department suspend the procedural schedule insofar as it requires the commencement of evidentiary hearings on June 19, 2003. The Parties will report back to the Hearing Officer on or before July 18, 2003 with

a status report on the settlement discussions and a proposed procedural schedule for going forward with evidentiary hearings should such hearings be necessary.

Respectfully Submitted,

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